

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Replace the paragraph [0028] of the filed application with the following:

Referring now also to FIGS. 3 and 4, an alignment feature 228 is disposed between the spine 236 and the base 232 to provide orientation between those components. As shown in FIG. 3, in one embodiment, the alignment feature 228 includes a hole 302 having a slot 304 extending from the hole 302 into the spine 236. As shown in FIG. 4, in one embodiment, a tab 402 extends from a cylindrical bottom section 238 of the base 232 is configured to engage the slot 304 (at reference numeral 228 of FIG. 2), thereby securing the base 232 in a predefined orientation relative to the spine 236. It is contemplated that other types of alignment features, such as pins, mating geometry, keys and the like, may be alternatively utilized to align the spine 236 and base 232 in a predefined orientation. The orientation of the spine 236 and base 232 allows holes 306 and 404 ~~[[402]]~~ formed through the spine 236 and the base 232, respectively, to align, thereby providing a conduit 240 for stator leads 242 to exit the FDB spindle motor 200 as depicted in FIG. 2.